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Letter dated 12 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Final Document of the Antalya Regional Workshop for Central Asia and the Caucasus on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime, which was held in Antalya, Turkey, from 23 to 25 February 2004 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 108 and 156.

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Final Document of the Antalya Regional Workshop for Central Asia and the Caucasus on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime

25 February 2004, Antalya, Turkey

We, the participating representatives of *the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan,* attending the regional Workshop for Central Asia and the Caucasus on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime, jointly organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Republic of Turkey from 23 to 25 February 2004, in Antalya, Turkey;

1. Express our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for having hosted this workshop with a view to promoting the adherence to the international instruments against terrorism, as well as to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols; and to supporting legislative and administrative action towards their implementation at the national level;

2. Welcome the wide and constructive participation of the representatives from the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Georgia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, the Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the observers from the Council of Europe, the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the South-East European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI);

3. Take note of the serious concern of the international community about the increasing menace of terrorism and spreading of transnational organized crime on the regional and global level, which threatens regional and international security, as well as the security of each individual State;

4. Confirm our strong commitment to the relentless efforts of the international community in the fight against all forms of terrorism and transnational organized crime, bearing also in mind the necessary compliance with international human rights and humanitarian laws;

5. Underscore the importance of technical assistance and capacity building, particularly in the field of drafting implementing legislation, including in relation to border control institutions, security agencies, financial institutions, and crime prevention units in our respective States;

6. Stress the urgent need for exchange of information relating to terrorism and transnational organized crime, as well as mutual legal assistance, extradition and investigation;

7. Welcome the efforts of the international community to coordinate the action against terrorism under the auspices of the Counter Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council;

8. Stress the importance of compliance with our States' obligations under the Security Council resolution 1373, and other international legal instruments against terrorism, as well as of the States Parties' compliance with the obligations set forth in the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols;

9. Underline the importance of becoming parties, as soon as possible, to all international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, in compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), as well as to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols;

10. Call upon the participating States, which are late in submitting their reports to the Counter Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council, to submit their respective report(s) as soon as possible;

11. Stress the urgent need of taking adequate measures to combat all forms of terrorism and transnational organized crime, and urge the participating States to provide assistance to one another in connection with criminal investigation or criminal proceedings relating to the financing or supporting of terrorist acts and to the search, seizure and confiscation of proceeds from transnational organized crimes;

12. Underline the necessity to cooperate, particularly through bilateral and multilateral arrangements and agreements, to prevent and suppress terrorist attacks and to take urgent action against perpetrators with a view to develop a culture of intolerance towards terrorism in all its forms;

13. Encourage the development of culture of intolerance towards terrorism in all its forms, in particular, wherever possible, through mass media and institutions and organizations of civil society;

14. Welcome the exchange of governmental experts in order to share experiences in the field of legislation against terrorism and transnational organized crime;

15. Encourage international, regional, and sub-regional organizations to strengthen their coordination efforts, in order to maximize resources and to ensure that necessary assistance is provided to States that have requested assistance in the fight against terrorism and transnational organized crime;

16. Envisage to assess the progress achieved through regular follow-up and review meetings in cooperation with the UNODC and the OSCE.

AND

In this regard the representatives of each participating delegation state the following:

The Republic of Armenia

Armenia undertakes to provide the UNODC with a copy of the draft legislation on Anti Terrorism Law and other laws dealing with the fight against terrorism in order to receive expert legal advice. Armenia further undertakes to keep UNODC informed of the reply to the CTC following the latter's request for the 4th report!of Armenia in respect of its obligations to Resolution 1373 of the Security Council.

Armenia will also provide UNODC with the Anti-Corruption National Plan of Action and draft National Plan of Action against Trafficking in Human Beings having in view to receiving expert advice and assistance with its implementation.

The Republic of Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan agrees to liaise with the UNODC regarding the request formulated by the Republic of Azerbaijan in its third report, submitted to the CTC (S/2003/085), concerning the expert advisory assistance in evaluation and enhancement of national legislation.

Azerbaijan is grateful to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as well as to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, for their advisory assistance provided to Azerbaijan in the implementation of the Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and welcomes any such assistance from them in the future.

Georgia

In Georgia, the creation of the relevant permanent body, which will be tasked with the responsibilities of analysing and taking appropriate actions, including recommending to other governmental bodies measures to combat terrorism and transnational organized crime, will be discussed.

Georgia welcomes and is ready to receive a joint technical assistance mission by UNODC and OSCE in order to review relevant legislation against terrorism and transnational organized crime in the course of 2004.

The Republic of Kazakhstan

The delegation of the Kazakhstan agrees to liaise with the competent State structures to recommend acceptance of the offer of joint technical assistance missions by UNODC and OSCE in the form of a seminar or by way of a bilateral meeting at expert level with a view to incorporating the provisions of the international conventions against terrorism and transnational organized crime in our domestic legislation.

The Kyrgyz Republic

The Kyrgyz Republic welcomes and is ready to receive a joint technical assistance mission by UNODC and OSCE in order to review relevant legislation against terrorism and transnational organized crime in the course of 2004.

The Republic of Tajikistan

Tajikistan highlights the importance of technical and material assistance rendered by international, regional and sub-regional organization in preparing and reviewing legislative acts and their implementation on issues of terrorism, trafficking of persons, drugs, organized crime, money laundering, illicit movement of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, and in this connection will consider the issue of applying to the CTC for assistance.

The Republic of Turkey

Turkey envisages to enhance cooperation with and utilize the expertise of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in 2004 with a view to complement the ongoing work to harmonize its legislation fully with United Nations Security Council resolution 1373 and to establish a specific offence on financing of terrorism in line with the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism;

Turkmenistan

Turkmenistan takes note of the offer by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe to provide legal assistance in the field of counter-terrorism and transnational organized crime and would welcome a joint mission by these organizations in the course of the year 2004.

The Republic of Uzbekistan

Welcomes the initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to carry out regular workshops, meetings and conferences, at the level of experts and specialists, which will promote deep understanding of experience of States and contribute to a high level of information sharing in the field of combatting terrorism and all its manifestations;

We believe it is important for UNODC to actively pursue such practice, as an effective instrument for the development of trust among States.